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## PW n°03: Thevenin's Theorem

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## PW n°03: Thevenin's Theorem

### I. Objective of the Experiment

The purpose of this lab session is to model complex electrical circuits and simplify them into very basic circuits, allowing us to apply the fundamental laws of electricity without any complex calculations.

### II. Theoretical Background

#### 1. Thevenin's Theorem

An active two-terminal network that contains multiple voltage and current sources, as well as several impedances, can be simplified to a single voltage source (Thevenin voltage) in series with a unique impedance (Thevenin impedance). (See Figure 1)

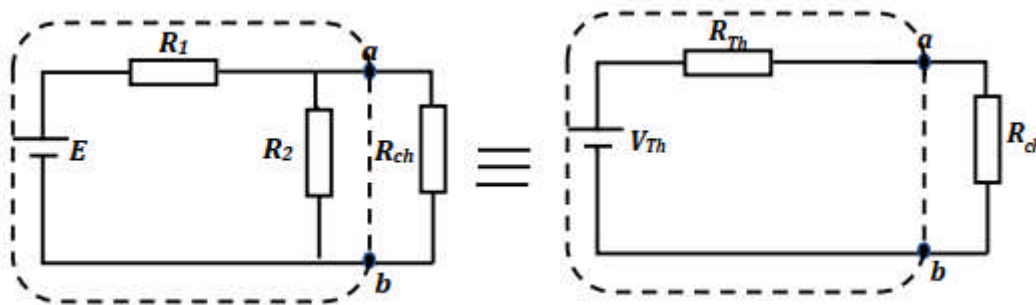


Figure.1: Thevenin Model.

#### 1.1. Calculation Procedure

**a. Thevenin Voltage** the resulting current or voltage for the active source.

Disconnect the load resistance (or load impedance  $R_{ch}$  and measure the open-circuit voltage  $V_{ab}$ . Therefore:

$$V_{ab} = V_{th}$$

**b. Thevenin Resistance** this With the load  $R_{ch}$  still disconnected, short-circuit all voltage sources and disconnect all current sources. Then, calculate the equivalent resistance of the circuit as seen between points **a** and **b**  $R_{ab}$  resulting in the Thevenin resistance:

$$R_{ab} = R_{th}$$

#### Example:

Consider the following circuit:

To calculate the voltage  $V_{th}$  using Thevenin's theorem, we need to determine the Thevenin equivalent circuit of the circuit above.

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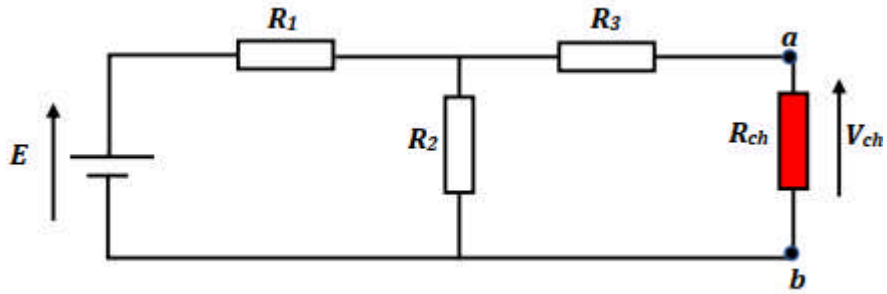


Figure.2.

**a. Calculate  $V_{th}$ :**

To calculate  $V_{th}$  we must disconnect the load  $R_{ch}$  and measure the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$  as follows:

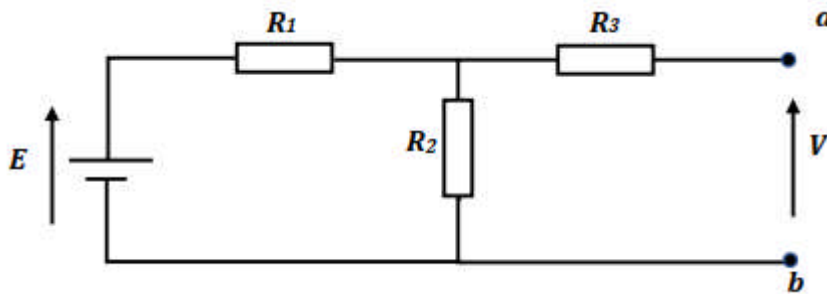


Figure.3.

This circuit is open between points  $a$  and  $b$ , so no current flows through the resistance  $R_3$ . Consequently, the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$  will be the same as the voltage across the resistance  $R_2$ . By applying the voltage divider principle, we find that:

$$V = V_{th} = E \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1}$$

**b. Calculate  $R_{th}$ :**

To calculate  $R_{th}$  we must keep  $R_{ch}$  in place while short-circuiting the voltage source  $E$ :

The Thevenin resistance  $R_{th}$  will correspond to the equivalent resistance of this circuit between points  $a$  and  $b$ :

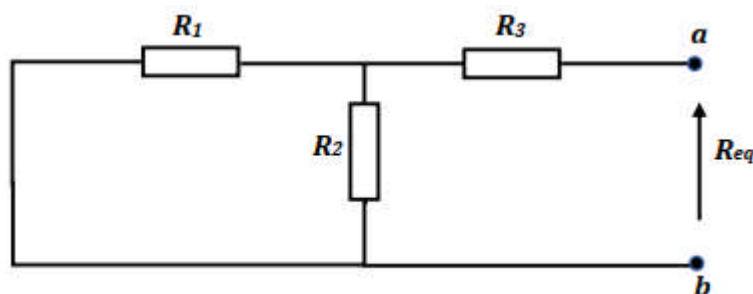


Figure.4.

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$$R_{eq} = R_{Th} = R_3 + (R_1 \parallel R_2) = R_3 + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_2 + R_1}$$

Finally, the Thevenin equivalent circuit can be represented as follows:

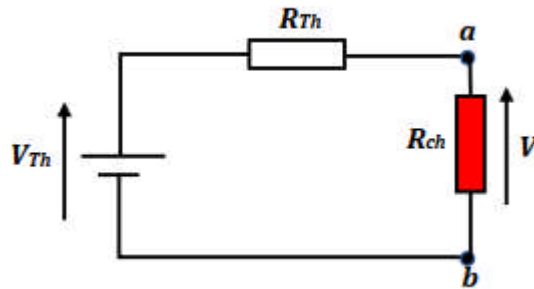


Figure.5.

Therefore, the voltage  $V$  across the resistance  $R_{ch}$  can be expressed as follows:

$$V = V_{th} \frac{R_{ch}}{R_{ch} + R_{th}}$$

**3. Experimentation**

**3.1. Personal Work**

a. Using Proteus, create the following circuit:

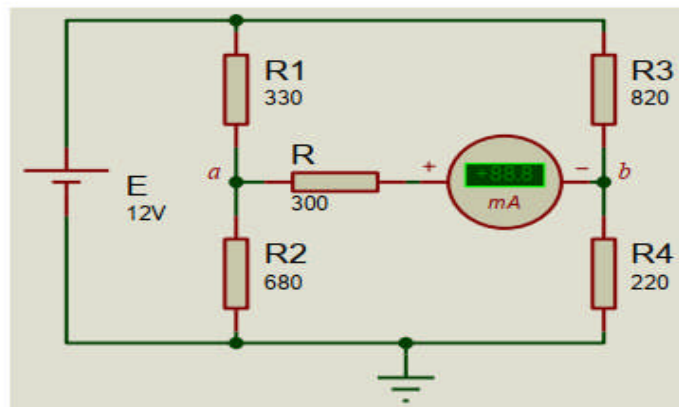


Figure.6.

b. Simulate the circuit and record the current flowing through the resistance  $R$

c. Disconnect the resistance  $R$  and measure the voltage between points  $a$  and  $b$  ( $V_{ab} = V_{th}$ ) as follows:

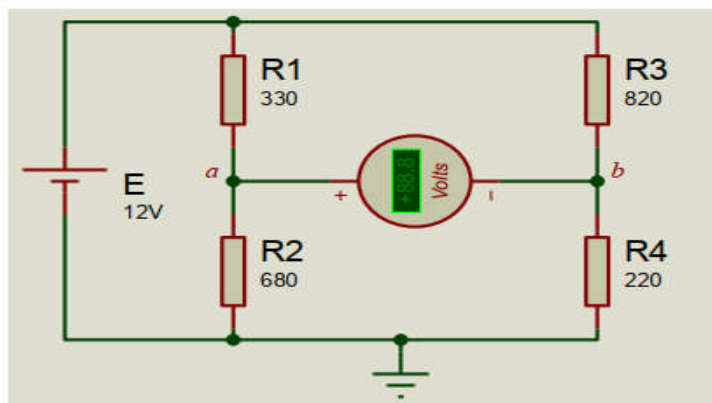


Figure.7.

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d. Keep the resistance R disconnected, short-circuit the generator E and calculate the equivalent resistance between points a and b  $R_{ab} = R_{th}$  as follows:

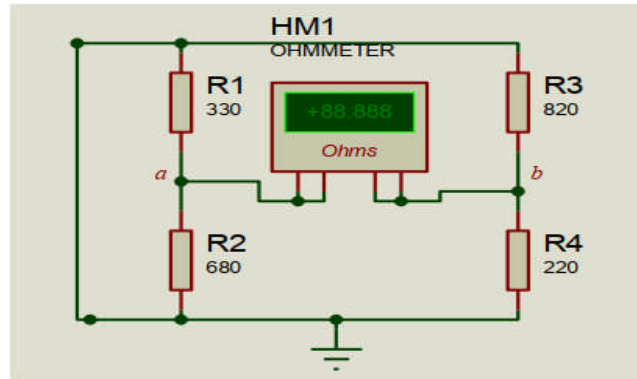


Figure.8.

e. Using the previously obtained measurements  $V_{th}$  and  $R_{th}$ , create the Thevenin circuit and calculate the current flowing through the resistance R as follows:

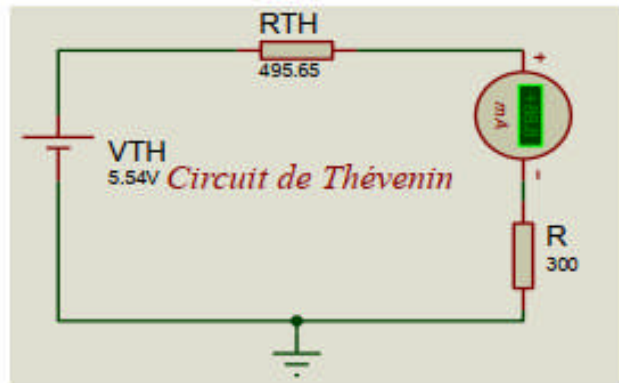


Figure.9.

f. Compare the current found in step e with the current found in step b. What can we conclude about Thevenin's theorem?

**3.2. In-Person Work**

Using the following circuit (Figure 2):

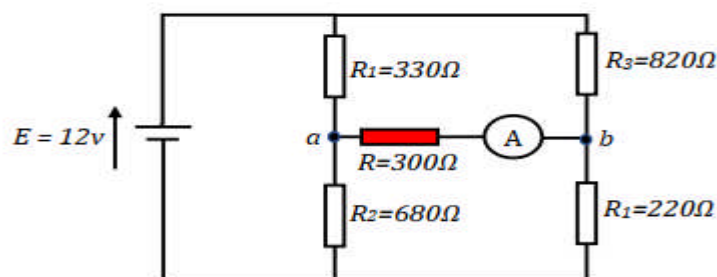


Figure.10.

a. Find the current I flowing through the resistance R using the mesh analysis method.

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- b. Determine the Thevenin equivalent circuit ( $V_{th}, R_{th}$ ) as seen by the resistance  $R$ .
- c. Deduce the current  $I$  flowing through  $R$
- d. Set up the circuit as shown in Figure 2.
- e. List the materials used.
- f. Measure the current flowing through the resistance  $R$ .
- g. Disconnect the resistance  $R$  and measure the open-circuit voltage  $V_{ab}$  ( $V_{ab} = V_{th}$ ).
- h. Short-circuit the voltage source  $E$ , keeping the resistance  $R$  disconnected. Using an ohmmeter, measure the resistance  $R_{th}$  between points **a** and **b** ( $R_{ab} = R_{th}$ )
- i. Draw and construct the Thevenin equivalent circuit using  $V_{th}$  and  $R_{th}$
- j. Measure the current  $I$  flowing through the resistance  $R$ .
- k. Conclusion.